MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

SESSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

AT

LAURENSVILLE, SOUTH-CAROLINA,

OCTOBER, 1857.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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LAURENSVLLE, S. C., Oct. 14th, 1857,
Wednesday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church at Laurensville, on Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and, by invitation, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., the last Moderator of the body, but now a member of the Synod of Mississippi, from Galatians vi: 14;—"But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Rev. G. C. Gregg the Moderator of the sessions preceding the last.

Upon calling the roll, the following persons were found to be

PRESENT:

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.—D. Humphreys, A. D. Montgomery, S. Donnelly, W. H. Davis, T. L. McBryde, D.D., Z. L. Holmes, John McLees, S. S. Gaillard, Joseph Gibert, J. B. Hillhouse, E. F. Hyde, R. H. Reid, David Wills, A. A. Morse, W. Baird, T. A. Hoyt, Robert McLees, W. W. Sharpe.

RULING ELDERS.—S. H. Baker, Good Hope and Roberts; Chancellor Job Johnston, Aveleigh; T. G. Boggs, Carmel; Carver Randell, Hopewell (Pendleton); P. Gibert, Providence and Rocky River; James Leman, Liberty Spring; Robert H. Wardlaw, Upper Long Cane; James McKelvy, Lodimont; W. O. Alexander, Midway and Broadaway; J. S. Reid, Lebanon; A. W. Glenn, Nazareth, (B. D.); N. Harris, Willington; J. H. Dillard, Rocky Spring; S. D. Glenn, Friendship; Adam Stenhouse, Fairview; David Stoddard, New Harmony; Thomas Weir, Duncan's Creek;

Gen. James Gillam, Rock; John Adams, Washington-street, (Greenville); S. N. Evans, Nazareth; James Davis, Laurensville; J. H. Boyd, Little River; George Boozer, Smyrna, Gilder's Creek and Mount Bethel; Samuel Mills, Warrior's Creek; James Anderson, Antioch; W. W. Higgin, Greenville.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

MINISTERS.—J. H. Saye, W. Banks, J. R. Baird, J. E. White, A. A. James, W. J. McCormick, J. S. Harris, J. A. Davies, D. Harrison.

RULING ELDERS.—Amos Burns, Beersheba; J. M. Moore, Bethesda; D. McCullough, Concord and Mount Olivet; A. Garrison, Ebenezer; John W. Walker, Purity; James G. Lowry, Zion; J. D. P. Currence, Bethel; F. Hobson, Cane Creek; B. Kennedy, Fairforest.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

MINISTERS.—W. M. Reid, D. McQueen, M. D. Fraser, J. A. Wallace, G. C. Gregg, G. W. Boggs, S. H. Hay, W. W. Wilson, A. E. Chandler, E. P. Palmer, J. R. Gilland, James Douglass, J. A. Cousar, James McDowell.

RULING ELDERS.—James McCutchen, Indiantown; William Harris, Salem, (B. R.); James McCreight, Scion; R. P. Haynsworth, Brewington; James Aiken, Salem, (L. R.); A. F. Cousar, Bishopville; J. C. Ussery, Beaver Creek.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Leland, D.D., John Douglas, J. R. Dow, A. F. Dickson, J. L. Girardeau, B. E. Lanneau, R. A. Mickle, M.D. Wood.

RULING ELDERS.—John Caldwell, Glebe-Street Church, Charleston.

ABSENT:

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.—A. W. Ross, J. F. Gibert, E. T. Buist, D.D., W. Carlyle, J. L. Kennedy, W. McWhorter, C. B. Stewart, J. B. Adger, D.D., J. C. Williams, J. O. Lindsay.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Anderson, C. H.; Hopewell; Mount Zion; Pickens C. H.; Mount Tabor; Bethia; Retreat; Richland; Bethel; Bethany; Little Mountain; Varennis; Tugulo; Spartanburg C. H.; North Pacolet; Mount Calvary; Bethesda; Clinton.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

MINISTERS.—S. L. Watson, J. L. R. Davies, J. M. H. Adams, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, J. G. Richards.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Allison's Creek; Catholic and Pleasant Grove; Yorkville; Bullock's Creek; Cedar Shoal; Fishing Creek; Hopewell; Lancasterville; Salem; Shiloh; Six Mile Creek; Unionville; Unity; Waxhaw.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

MINISTERS.—J. Harrington, J. L. Wilson, J. C. Coit, W. Brearley, T. R. English, P. Pierson, J. Brown, P. E. Bishop, D. E. Frierson, A. D. Campbell, G. Morgan, A. L. Crawford, A. M. Small.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Williamsburg; Hopewell; Little Pee Dee; Darlington; Cheraw; Great Pee Dee and Bennettsville; Lynchburg; Camden; Lebanon; Horeb; Aimwell; Midway; Mt. Zion; Reedy Creek and Carolina; Sumterville; Concord; Marion C. H.; White Oak; Pine Tree.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—G. Howe, D.D., R. Post, D.D., W. S. Lee, Edward Palmer, John Forrest, D.D., Thomas Smyth, D.D., W. C. Dana, J. H. Thornwell, D D., Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., W. B. Yates, I. S. K. Legaré, T. H. Legaré, Edwin Cater, James Cohen, J. B. Dunwody, D. X. Lafar, W. B. Corbett.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—2d Church, Charleston; Central Church, Charleston; 1st Church, Columbia; Orangeburg; Walterborough; Barnwell; James Island; Wilton; John's Island and Wadmalaw; Beech Island; Stoney Creek.*

Upon completing the roll, Synod proceeded to the election of officers.

* The following persons subsequently appeared and were enrolled:—MINISTERS, E. T. Buist, D.D., T. Smyth, D.D., J. B. Adger, D.D., W. B. Corbett, J. G. Richards, A. M. Small. RULING ELDERS—George Byrd, Bethany Church; William Perry, Unionville Church; A. P. Walter, Wilton Church; R. S. Phinney, Clinton Church; D. C. Judd, Church at Spartanburg C. H.

The Rev. William Banks was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. T. L. McBryde, D.D., Temporary Clerk.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 15th.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of Dr. McBryde, the reading of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting was dispensed with, and printed copies of the same ordered to be distributed.

The Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., of the Synod of Mississippi, and the Rev. Shepherd K. Kollock, D.D., of the Synod of New Jersey, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. Messrs. T. R. English, P. E. Bishop, Douglass Harrison, S. L. Watson, G. Morgan, J. F. Gibert, I. S. K. Legarè, J. L. Kirkpatrick, ., James Cohen, J. C. Williams, J. L. Kennedy, W. C. Dana, Edward Palmer, Edwin Cater, and W. McWhorter, rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the present sessions of Synod; and Anderson C. H., Little Mountain, and Beech Island Churches, offered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at the same.

The Rev. Messrs. W. H. Davis, Z. L. Holmes, Joseph Gibert, J. B. Hillhouse, E. F. Hyde, L. W. Curtis, J. R. Dow, A. F. Dickson and M. D. Wood rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the last annual meeting; and Midway and Broadaway, Rocky Spring, Duncan's Creek, Nazareth, Washington-street (Greenville), Little River, Smyrna, Gilder's Creek and Mount Bethel churches, of the Presbytery of South Carolina; Fairforest, and Salem churches, of the Presbytery of Bethel; Mount Zion, Beaver Creek, and Reedy Creek and Carolina churches, of the Presbytery of Harmony; and Walterborough church, of Charleston Presbytery, offered satisfactory reasons for not being represented at the same.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. S. S. Gaillard :

Resolved, That the delegates appointed by the Sessions of the Churches to represent them in this body are first amenable to this Synod, and afterwards to the Sessions; and thus the Synod holds the Church Sessions ultimately responsible for the attendance of their delegates upon its meetings.

After some discussion of this resolution, on motion of Chan. Johnston, it was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a minute on the subject of the absence of ministers and the delegates of Church Sessions from the meetings of this body.

On motion of Mr. Wills, it was ordered, that during the present sessions of this body the hour of meeting be 9 o'clock in morning, and the hour of adjournment be 3 o'clock, P.M.

Mr. George Byrd, Ruling Elder from Bethany Church, appeared, and rendered a satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees :

On Bills and Overtures.—Ministers—A. W. Leland, D.D., G. C. Gregg, W. Baird, J. H. Saye. Ruling Elders—Robert H. Wardlaw, John Caldwell, James McCutchen.

Judicial Committee—Chan. Job Johnston, J. A. Wallace, D. Humphreys, John Douglas, Carver Randell, R. P. Haynsworth.

Financial Committee—Gen. James Gillam, J. L. Girardeau, D. McQueen, D. McCullough, James McCreight.

On the Narrative.—Ministers—W. W. Wilson, A. F. Dickson, A. D. Montgomery. Ruling Elders—W. Harris, F. Hobson.

On the Minutes of the Assembly.—Ministers—S. Donnelly, T. A. Hoyt, W. J. McCormick. Ruling Elders—Dr. Thomas Weir, John W. Walker.

On Religious Exercises.—Ministers—D. Wills, S. S. Gaillard. Ruling Elder—James Davis.

On Leave of Absence.—Ministers—J. R. Gilland, W. H. Davis, M. D. Fraser. Ruling Elder—Col. S. N. Evans.

The following Committees were appointed on Presbyterial Records :

Presbytery of South Carolina.—Ministers—W. M. Reid, J. R. Dow, A. A. James. Ruling Elders—Maj. J. G. Lowry, J. C. Ussery,

Presbytery of Bethel.—Ministers—E. P. Palmer, John McLees. Ruling Elders—A. F. Cousar, James Aiken.

Presbytery of Harmony.—Ministers—J. R. Baird, A. A. Morse. Ruling Elder—S. D. Glenn.

Charleston Presbytery.—Ministers—S. H. Hay, J. S. Harris. Ruling Elder—B. Kennedy.

On motion of Dr. Leland, it was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to hear the Rev. Dr. Kollock on behalf of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was

Resolved, That the Synod do now hear the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

They were accordingly read, and the former referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Statistical Reports are as follows:

The Presbytery of South Carolina report: That they consist of 27 Ministers, and have under their care 49 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 10 Candidates. They have installed the Rev. E. F. Hyde Pastor of Midway and Broadaway Churches; have ordained and installed the Rev. Robert McLees Pastor of Smyrna, Gilder's Creek and Mt. Bethel Churches; and have licensed Mr. D. C. Boggs to preach the Gospel. They have received the Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., and the Rev. W. Baird, from the Charleston Presbytery, and the Rev. W. W. Sharpe, from the Brazos Presbytery, Texas.

The Presbytery of Bethel report: That they consist of 16 Ministers, and 25 Churches, and have under their care 2 Licentiates and 2 Candidates. They have received Mr. J. S. Harris, Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Concord, N. C., and ordained and installed him Pastor of Bethesda Church, and granted him permission to labour during a part of his time out of the bounds of the Presbytery; and have ordained and installed Mr. Douglass Harrison Pastor of Beersheba Church. They have dismissed the Rev. J. R. Gilland to join the Presbytery of Harmony. They have granted permission to the Rev. J. R. Baird to labour out of their bounds; to the Church of Fishing Creek to engage the ministerial services of the Rev. B. L. Beall, of the Presbytery of Concord; to the Church at Lancasterville those of the Rev. J. O. Lindsay; and to the Church of Unity those of M. D. Fraser, of the Presbytery of Harmony.

The Presbytery of Harmony report: That they consist of 27 Ministers and 33 churches, and have under their care two candidates for the Ministry. They have organized a Church in Williamsburg District under the name of Elon, and have dissolved

the Church of Harmony and set off the members of the same to Clarendon Church. They have received the Rev. James R. Gilland from the Presbytery of Bethel, and the Rev. A. Bui has departed this life. They have ordained and installed the Rev. Arthur M. Small pastor of the Church of Liberty Hill, and the Rev. James McDowell pastor of the Churches of Concord and Clarendon.

They have dissolved the following pastoral relations, viz., between the Rev. J. C. Coit and the Church of Cheraw; between the Rev. A. E. Chandler and the Churches of Brewington and Harmony; between the Rev. D. E. Frierson and the Church of Little Pee Dee; between the Rev. Edward P. Palmer and the Churches of Lebanon and Salem; and they have dismissed the Rev. E. P. Palmer to join the Presbytery of Cherokee, Ga.

The CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY report: That they consist of 26 Ministers, and have under their care 12 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 6 Candidates; and that they have received Mr. Samuel Galloway, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Newton, New Jersey.

Mr. William Perry, Elder from the Unionville Church, appeared and rendered a satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

The Stated Clerk presented the account for the publication of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Synod, which was referred to the Financial Committee.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. A. Bui. Messrs. Gregg, Saye and Wilson, were appointed this Committee.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented, read, and on motion of Mr. Saye, so much of the Report as relates to Finance was referred to the Committee on that subject, and the remaining portion of it to a Special Committee. Messrs. J. A. Wallace and J. McCutchen, of the Presbytery of Harmony; J. A. Hoyt and R. H. Wardlaw, of the Presbytery of South Carolina; J. H. Saye and J. G. Lowry, of the Presbytery of Bethel; and John Douglas and John Caldwell, of Charleston Presbytery, were appointed this Committee.

A communication from the Rev. Samuel K. Talmage, D.D., President of Oglethorpe University, was received and read; and, on motion of Dr. McBryde, was put on the docket.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, to elect Directors of the Theological Seminary for the next three years.

The following persons were nominated as Directors of the Theological Seminary:

MINISTERS.—P. E. Bishop, D. McQueen, John Forrest, D.D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D; D. E. Frierson, J. L. Girardeau. LAYMEN.—J. A. Crawford, W. C. Dukes, H. M. Bruns, Henry Muller, Dr. J. W. Simpson.

The report of the Investing Committee on the Funds of the South Carolina Professorship, in Oglethorpe University was presented, read, and referred to the Financial Committee.

A communication from Professor Lane, of Oglethorpe University, in relation to his salary, was received and referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was

Resolved, That it be made the order of the day for Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions; and that, in connection with that report, addresses be made in reference to the sufferings of our Missionary brethren in India and China.

On motion of Mr. Gregg, the Committee on Religious Exercises were instructed to secure the services of speakers for that occasion.

In accordance with the expressed desire of the Rev. D. McQueen and of his Church, it was

Resolved, That the Synod hold its next Annual Meeting in the Presbyterian Church at the town of Sumter, on Thursday before the second Sabbath of November, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Dr. McBryde, it was ordered that the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions be delivered on next Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Gregg having been requested to take the chair, the Moderator, as Chairman of the Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, made a verbal report, which, on motion of Mr. Saye, was received as information; and, on motion of the same, it was

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, and empowered to act according to their discretion in the premises.

Two vacancies having occurred in the said Committee, on motion, the Rev. T. L. McBryde, D.D., and the Rev. J. M. H. Adams were appointed to fill the same.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented a partial report—which was approved—recommending that the Rev. A. F. Dickson preach this evening, at 7 o'clock, and that Synod spend the first half hour of each day's session in devotional exercises.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 16.

Synod met, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read, and approved.

The Rev. Drs. E. T. Buist, T. Smyth and J. B. Adger, the Rev. W. B. Corbett, Mr. Alfred P. Walter (Elder from Wilton Church), and Mr. R. S. Phinney (Elder from Clinton Church) appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Report of Mr. James Adger, Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, was received, and, on motion of Dr. Adger, was put on the Docket.

A letter was also received from Mr. Adger, tendering his resignation as Treasurer, and, on motion of Mr. Saye, was referred to a Special Committee. Messrs. Saye, Humphreys and Caldwell were appointed this Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wills, it was

Resolved, That the business which had been made the order of the day for 10 o'clock—hearing Dr. Kollock on behalf of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions—be postponed until 11 o'clock.

Mr. Saye, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary not relating to Finance, presented their report, which, on motion of Mr. G. W. Boggs, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, aside from its financial operations, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the same, and recommend the approval of the several acts of the Board by the Synod.

They would also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That the present prosperous state of the Institution, with the laudable zeal of the Students, as evinced by their labours in the cause of Christ, calls for devout gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church.

2. That the Synod hereby expresses its cordial sympathy with two of the Professors, who have been sorely bereaved within a year past.

3. That Synod being fully aware that the rendering the price of board in the Seminary as cheap as possible is an important means to its continued prosperity, approves of any practicable effort of the Directors to attain that desirable end.

4. That Synod recommends to the Board to employ such agencies as they may think expedient to complete the endowment of the Seminary, and especially, if practicable, to send Dr. Thornwell to the West and South-west with a view to this end.

5. That the Report of the Board be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod.

Mr. Gregg, from the Committee which was appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. A. Bui, submitted the following, which was adopted :

The Rev. A. Bui died during the present year, at the advanced age of 83 years. For the last twenty years of his life he was incapable of discharging the functions of the ministry, from manifold bodily infirmities. During the larger period of his ministerial life he was a member of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, in the bounds of which he served many churches. After removing to Georgia for a few years, he returned to Marion District, where he died.

In temper and character he was uniform and stable, having the most implicit faith in the simple truths of the Gospel. He had an abiding sense of utter sinfulness, and a clear conviction of entire dependence upon sovereign grace. He was mild in disposition, yet firm in the maintenance of truth. He was utterly incapable of any compromise in religious truth, and yet no one more readily submitted to his brethren in matters of general expediency. His death was sudden, and he has left no dying testimony beyond his consistent life and labours of love. As a father in Israel, living beyond his generation, he has passed away.

On motion of Mr. Wardlaw, it was

Resolved, That the business which had been made the order of the day for 1 o'clock—the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary—be now taken up.

The Moderator appointed as tellers, to collect and count the votes—Messrs. Gilland, W. Baird, and Hobson.

Gen. Gillam, from the Financial Committee, presented a report on the several matters referred to them, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the fiscal part of the Report of the Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary, report :

That they have examined the same, find it correct, and recommend that it be approved.

They would also report, in reference to the Report of the Committee charged with the collection and investment of the funds for the support of the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University : that they have examined the same, and recommend that it be approved ; that the suggestion of the Committee, that Professor Lane's salary be increased from $1200 to $1600, be adopted, and his salary be so increased; and that the notes and subscriptions for said Professorship be referred back to the several Presbyteries for collection in such way as they may think best, and, when collected, be turned over to the Investing Committee.

They would further report : That they have examined the bill of Messrs. Walker, Evans & Co., for printing the Minutes of Synod, and recommend that it be paid by an assessment on the Presbyteries, as follows :

South Carolina	Presbytery	$29.00
Bethel	do.	21.00
Harmony	do.	25.00
Charleston	do.	27.00
		$102.00

On motion of Chan. Johnston, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be continued as a Commission, and charged with the duty of reporting at the next meeting of Synod on the State of the Funds of the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony report :

That they have examined the same, and recommend their approval as far as written. They would, however, direct the attention of Synod to the following overture, and its answer by Presbytery, viz.—Is a colored person in a state of slavery, who has been separated by the master for a sufficient reason from the husband or the wife, as the case may be, liable to church censure for contracting a second marriage? The answer of the Presbytery is in the negative.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina presented a report, recommending the approval of them, which was adopted.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock was then taken up—the address of the Rev. Dr. Kollock, on behalf of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions. Dr. Kollock was accordingly heard. An address was then delivered by the Rev. Dr. Smyth on the subject of Domestic Missions, remarks were made by Messrs. W. Baird and Saye, and Dr. Adger, and statements were received from the several Presbyteries in relation to the present posture of their domestic missionary operations.

On motion of Dr. McBryde the whole subject was referred to a a Special Committee. The Moderator appointed as this Committee, Dr. Smyth, Messrs. Saye, Gilland, Gaillard, Caldwell, Walker, Wardlaw and McCutchen.

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery presented a report, recommending the approval of them, which was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented a partial report—which was adopted—recommending that the Rev. E. P. Palmer preach to-night, and that in connection with the report on Foreign Missions to-morrow, the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., and the Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., deliver addresses touching the present disturbed condition of India.

Mr. Gilland from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported the election of the following persons: viz.—Ministers, P. E. Bishop, J. L. Girardeau, D. Mc Queen, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. Laymen—Dr. J. W. Simpson, Henry Muller, J A. Crawford.

On motion of Mr. Hay, the subject of the nomination of Trustees of Oglethorpe University was taken up, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate to the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University the fact that in consequence of their failure for five years past to report to this body in time for its action, and to inform us of the names of those whose term of office now expires, we cannot go into an election at this time to fill the vacancies that have occurred.

Mr. Donnelly from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the absence of Ministers and Delegates of Church Sessions, from the meetings of Synod, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the absence of Ministers and Delegates from the meetings of Synod, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That it is the duty of Church Sessions regularly to appoint delegates to represent their respective churches in Synod and Presbytery, and to require them to report to the Sessions whether they have fulfilled their appointments.

2. That we would affectionately urge upon our brethren in the ministry the importance of punctual attendance on all our meetings; and of sending up their reasons for absence when providentially hindered from attending.

3. That the Committee on Leave of Absence, as a standing Committee, be charged with hearing all excuses for absence, and reporting on the same to Synod.

4. That Synod recommends to the churches to defray the expenses of their delegates to the Church Courts, in order to secure a more general attendance.

Mr. Donnelly from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they have examined the same and find nothing in them requiring the action of this body.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel presented a report, recommending the approval of them, which was adopted.

Mr. Wilson from the Committee appointed to prepare the Narrative, submitted the same which was adopted, and is as follows:

NARRATIVE:

The annual review of the field we occupy, embracing the whole State, is an occasion of much interest. When we come together we ask, who in the ranks of the ministry has fallen at his post

while proclaiming the Gospel of Christ? What has been accomplished, by the faithful preaching of the Cross, and the earnest wrestlings of God's people, in extending the borders of Zion. What advances have God's children made in holiness, and how many sinners have been heard exclaiming in the bitterness of their souls, what must we do to be saved? In regard to the achievement of the great ends of life, a year is a most important period of time. During this season, the schemes of the world have received a mighty impulse, and been pushed rapidly onward; immense changes have been wrought; many social and domestic ties have been sundered; and many have been called into the presence of God, to render up their final account, to rest in the bosom of Abraham, or to lie down in the regions of woe. It is, therefore, a question of exceeding interest to all, Ministers and Elders who meet together from the different parts of the land; Brethren, what news have you in relation to our beloved Zion? What measure of prosperity has God sent us during the year?

In condensing the answers to these questions returned through our Presbyterial Reports, the Synod is gratified in being able to express its conviction that the state of religion within our bounds is, upon the whole, encouraging. Our success as a Church, we confess, has not been commensurate with our facilities for advancing the kingdom of God. When we consider the qualifications of our ministry, and the intelligence and wealth of our people, we are free to acknowledge that we might have done, and ought to have done, more to extend the borders of our Zion; nor has our failure to attain the full measure of success been owing to the unwillingness of a gracious God to bestow the saving influences of His Spirit for the comfort of His children, and the regeneration of sinners, but rather to the fact that the preaching of His Word, and the benefactions of His people, have not been more richly perfumed with the incense of earnest, persevering prayer. Still for the degree of prosperity which a covenant-keeping God has vouchsafed to us, we record our grateful acknowledgments, and would take encouragement for future labours.

Our Presbyterial Narratives report healthful indications in most of our churches, exhibited in the increasing attendance upon the ordinances of the sanctuary; in the tone of piety which prevails

among the members; in the rear occurence of cases which call for the exercise of church discipline; and in the gentle dews of divine grace causing the gradual enlargement of the Church by the conversion of souls; while not a few of our churches report large accessions from the world. An encouraging feature mentioned in connection with these additions is, that many are heads of families, and a goodly number young men, many of whom we hope yet to hail as messengers of salvation to men.

On the subject of Domestic Missions there is, evidently, a great awakening throughout our bounds. We are beginning to feel more deeply the necessity of supplying the waste places within our own borders. Until a comparatively recent date, our attention has been mainly taken up in holding the ground we had already obtained, practically assuming that all the field was occupied by the various denominations of Christians in our land. But a closer scrutiny forced upon us the conclusion that we had been negligent in this matter, by disclosing the remarkable fact that while many portions of our own country were poorly supplied with the preached gospel, many others were entirely destitute of the bread of life. The indication of a growing interest in this matter is showing itself in our pastors, many of whom, not content to confine their ministrations to their particular charges, are seeking out missionary points in places contiguous; and in some instances they are encouraged by seeing those stations developed into regularly organized churches. A growing conviction, too, is beginning to obtain, that the Presbyteries, when it is at all practicable, are the proper bodies to conduct missionary operations within their own bounds; and wherever this is the case, it is found that greater confidence is begotten in the churches in regard to a wise disbursement of the funds contributed to this object, the result of which has been a marked improvement in the amount contributed. The Presbyteries of Harmony, South-Carolina, and Charleston, have taken hold of this matter with commendable vigour, and with a prospect of success far exceeding the most sanguine expectations. In relation to this, however, we may truly say, " there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," and while we are regarding our own destitutions, we ought not to forget the " regions beyond" which are crying for help.

All of our Presbyteries speak of improvement in the matter

of Systematic Benevolence, and we hope the time is not far distant when the benefactions of God's people will flow into his treasury with the regularity and unction which should characterize all our acts of worship.

The subject of Denominational Education is receiving a considerable degree of attention. In most of our Presbyteries, provision has been made or is making for the education of our sons and daughters under the supervision of our ecclesiastical courts. Our people are beginning to realize the importance of having the great truths of religion, as embodied in our excellent standards, inculcated along with the branches of learning embraced in the curriculum of studies at schools and colleges. And we believe that God is signifying His approbation of the enterprize in the results which are achieved, and evinced especially in the fact that many of our children are made heirs of His grace during their term of study at these denominational schools.

Our Coloured Population has received a more than usual share of the ministrations of the Word during the past year; and we mention, with profound gratitude, the success of the Gospel among the Blacks connected with the Anson-Street Church, Charleston, and other churches in our bounds; thus inviting us to greater zeal in this department of our work.

In connection with these encouragements, however, we are called upon to note the fact, that complaint has reached us from some portions of our Church, that no family altar has been erected at the fireside of many of our Elders and Deacons, and that their families are suffered to retire at night, rise in the morning, and enter upon their daily duties without a Father's blessing having been invoked upon them. From some other quarters, we hear that Christians are "making haste to be rich," and violating the Apostolic injunction, "be not conformed to this world." Nor has the cry entirely ceased that, in many places, an adequate support is not given to the ministry, and that when God's ambassadors have freely given, they do not freely receive. We mourn over these delinquencies of our people, and would kindly say to such as are chargeable with them, "Brethren these things ought not so to be."

In conclusion, we desire to express our grateful emotions to God for his manifold goodness to us during the year that is past, not the least part of which is, that the ranks of our active

ministry have not been invaded by death. Only one aged servant of God, who long since passed the allotted boundary of human life, has been gathered unto his fathers. All of our active men are still in the field, and in testimony of our gratitude, we would enter upon the ensuing year with greater zeal for the glory of our God in the salvation of souls, fully convinced that "the time is short," and that "the fashion of this world passeth away."

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report—which was adopted—recommending that leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod be granted to Messrs. Dickson, Sharpe, Weir, Hobson and Anderson.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. E. White:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of a Minister and Elder from each Presbytery, be appointed to re-arrange the existing boundaries of the Presbyteries of this Synod.

This resolution, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, was laid on the table.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 17.

Synod met, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. J. G. Richards and Arthur M. Small, and Mr. David C. Judd, Elder from the Church of Spartanburg, C. H., appeared, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, the vote on the time of the next Annual Meeting was reconsidered, and on his motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod hold its next Annual Meeting on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of November, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. Leland, from the Synodical Committee of Education, presented their report, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Saye, was referred to a Special Committee. Dr. Buist, Mr. Gilland and Col. Evans were appointed this Committee.

Mr. Saye, from the Committee to whom was referred the letter of resignation of Mr. James Adger, presented a report, which on motion of Dr. Buist, was adopted *unanimously*, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of James Adger, Esq., tendering his resignation of the office of Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That Synod accepts with great reluctance the resignation of James Adger, Esq., of the office above specified.

2. That the most hearty thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Adger, for the faithful discharge of the duties of this office, gratuitously rendered, and extending through a period of twenty-three years.

3. That we cannot permit Mr. Adger to retire from this office without expressing our high appreciation of his important services to this Synod, and to the cause of Missions in this region of country; and we assure our venerable friend that he bears with him our best wishes and earnest prayers for his temporal and eternal welfare.

4. That the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish Mr. Adger a copy of these resolutions.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report—which was adopted—recommending that leave of absence after this hour be granted to Messrs. Dow, Robert McLees, Baker, A. W. Glen and Higgin; and to Mr. Chandler after 3 o'clock to-day.

On motion of Dr. Adger, the communication of the Rev. S. K. Talmage, D.D., was taken up from the docket; and, on his motion, it was received as information, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Mr. Gilland, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions, presented, on behalf of the Chairman, Dr. Smyth, the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions in connection with the present condition and wants of our Board of Domestic Missions, would report for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions :

1. This Synod has been pleased and profited by the presentation of this subject through the Rev. Shepherd K. Kollock, D.D., of New Jersey.

2. This Synod concurs with our General Assembly in regarding the cause of Domestic Missions as second to no other in magni-

tude and importance; and has full confidence in the manner in which the cause is conducted by the Board of Domestic Missions, under the advice and control of our General Assembly.

3. This Synod sympathizes with the Board of Domestic Missions in its present financial embarrassment, and trusts that in this, as in past emergencies, God will be better than our fears, and send relief by disposing the Churches at once to furnish the necessary and adequate means.

4. Synod has listened with lively interest to the full discussion of the subject of Domestic Missions, and to all the facts showing what our several Presbyteries are doing in the field within their respective bounds, and is gratified to learn that there appears to be a simultaneous awakening of a deep and active interest in this cause; and that while they have all been actively engaged in fostering weak churches, and in establishing new churches, and in preaching the Gospel among their destitute population, they have all determined to prosecute these missionary labours with new energy, liberality and self-denial. In such labours Synod would most cordially sympathize, and encourage our Churches and Ministers to go forward, by itinerant preaching in waste places; in regular preaching to collected and organized churches; and in extending those churches which are able to plant vigourous offshoots in suitable soil.

5. This Synod would, however, not fail to realize and acknowledge the humiliating fact, that what has been done is but a small part of what might have been done, and of what remains to be accomplished; and that in view of our mercies, our opportunities and our ability, we have been unprofitable servants, and would earnesely implore the Divine forgiveness, forbearance and blessing.

6. As it has been made evident that the present independent plan of operations pursued by most of our Presbyteries leads to a misapprehension of our motives, and of our actual doings; be it

Resolved, That while, as in the case of Foreign Missions this Synod believes that it is best to leave this work as heretofore in the hands of the Presbyteries and Churches, some unity of action is desirable; and to this end a Synodical Committee of Domestic Missions be appointed to report annually to this body what has been done by its numerous Presbyteries and Churches; to make any recommendations which their wisdom and experience may suggest; to act, as far as practicable, as a bond of union among our Churches, and with our Board of Domestic Missions; and that their Report be incorporated with the Minutes of Synod.

7. Finally, in view of the unspeakable importance of Domestic Missions to the peace, purity, progress and permanence of our Church and our civil institutions, this Synod would exhort our Churches to aim, in their contributions, not only at the support of Domestic Missions within their own bounds, but also in the length and breadth of our entire land, under the wise and prudent and very economical direction of our Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion of Mr. Saye, the resolutions contained in the report were considered *seriatim*, and the first five were successively adopted.

The sixth resolution being under consideration, on motion of Dr. Adger, the following preamble was stricken out, viz.: "As it has been made evident that the present independent plan of operations, pursued by most of our Presbyteries, leads to a misapprehension of our motives and of our actual doings."

The sixth resolution, as so amended, was then adopted. The seventh resolution was then adopted.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the Report, as a whole, and, on motion, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committeee on Religious Exercises submitted a final report—which was adopted—recommending the following appointments :

On Sabbath, in the Presbyterian Church :

Dr. Palmer—Preach in the morning.
Mr. Gregg—Introduce the communion.
Mr. John Douglas—Serve the table.
Mr. Girardeau—Preach in the afternoon.
Dr. Smyth—Preach at night.

In the Methodist Church :

Mr. Wallace—Preach in the morning.
Mr. Mickle—Preach in the afternoon.
Mr. Lanneau—Preach at night.

In the Associate Reformed Church :

Mr. W. M. Reid—Preach in the morning to the Blacks.
Mr. Girardeau—Preach at night to the same.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock was then taken up—hearing the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, with accompanying addresses. The Report was read by the

Chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Thomas Smyth, D.D., and addresses having special reference to the present agitated condition of India, were delivered by the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., and the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D.

On motion of Dr. McBryde, the Report was referred to a Special Committee. The Moderator appointed as this Committee, Dr. McBryde and Messrs. White, Hay, John Douglas, N. Harris, Burns, A. F. Cousar and Caldwell.

Synod then took recess until 5 o'clock this afternoon; when the house again came to order, on motion of Mr. Wilson, who stated on behalf of the Pastor of the Sumterville Church, that an oversight had been committed in the recommendation of the time for the next meeting of this body, the question in reference to the time of that meeting was reconsidered; and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod hold its next Annual Meeting on Wednesday before the fifth (5th) Sabbath of October, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. T. L. McBryde, D.D., was elected to preach the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions at the next meeting of Synod, and the Rev. D. Wills his alternate.

Dr. Buist, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented a report, which, on motion of Mr. Humphreys, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of Education, embracing the account of the Treasurer, report :

That they have examined the documents, and find much that is cheering in their contents. They are gratified to learn that so large a balance as $2,638.59 remains in the Treasury, notwithstanding the liberality manifested in the support of numerous beneficiaries, and recommend that the present Committee be reappointed. They would also recommend that a brief abstract of the Report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion of Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee having procured the services of the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick to visit the Synod of Alabama at its approaching meeting on behalf of the Seminary at Columbia, that Committee be authorized and requested to instruct him respecting the precise objects to be brought before that body.

On motion of Dr. Adger, the following persons were appointed a Standing Committee of Synod on Domestic Missions.—*Ministers*—J. L. Girardeau, T. R. English, J. M. H. Adams, J. McLees. *Ruling Elders*—Robert H. Wardlaw, M. P. Mayes, J. S. Bowie, John Knox.

On motion of Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Chairman of the Synod's Committee of Domestic Missions to send on a copy of their Annual Report to the Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions.

On motion of Dr. Leland, Dr. Adger was appointed a member of the Synod's Committee of Education, in place of the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., removed.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Psalmody be continued.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Laurensville, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of its members; also to the several Railroad Companies which have afforded facilities of travel by reducing their fare; and that the Rev. Mr. Wills be requested to communicate the same in the way he may deem most proper.

The Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., formerly announced to the Synod his acceptance of the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, in the Theological Seminary, and, on motion of Dr. Buist, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate information of the same to the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Georgia.

Synod then took recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

After recess, the Synod came to order and listened to the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions, which was delivered by the Rev. T. A. Hoyt. After the discourse, while the Synod with the assembled congregation joined in singing the 562d Hymn, commencing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," a collection was taken up in behalf of Foreign Missions, which amounted to $121.03.

Dr. McBryde, from the Special Committee, to whom had been referred the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, presented a report, which, on motion of Mr. Gaillard, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Foreign Missions, and of the Treasurer,

would report for the adoption of the Synod the following resolutions :

1. That the general report of the Committee and of the Treasurer, also of the Treasury in New York, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and that the body of the report be printed, as last year, in pamphlet form.

2. This Synod has heard with great thankfulness the cheering fact that the funds collected within our bounds for Foreign Missions, during the last year, have been to such a considerable extent greater than during the previous years; and they cannot but hope that this indicates a more general diffusion of the spirit of Missions throughout our Churches. This Synod would, therefore, hold up to the Presbyteries the encouragement thus given to persevere in bringing before the Churches the whole subject of their relation to the Kingdom of Christ; of contributing to His cause, as at once a grace, a duty and a blessing; of taking such measures as may increase the spirit of Missionary zeal and liberality in those Churches which have regularly contributed to this object, and of inducing those who have hitherto failed to take part in this good work "to come up to the help of the Lord," in the assurance that in so doing they shall themselves be more abundantly prospered and blessed.

3. This Synod would sympathise deeply with the feelings of lamentation awakened throughout the length and breadth of the Christian world, and in no part more deeply than in the bosom of our own beloved Church, by the awful calamities that have befallen the Missionaries and Missions in India, and the consequent damage and embarrassment felt by our Board. Occurring, as this revolt has done, in the midst of the most encouraging success and prospects of our missionary operations, and from causes altogether beyond either the influence or control of the Missionaries, we regard it as one of those fearful outbreaks of the kingdom of darkness, permitted by the King and Head of the Church, to test the faith and patience of His people; to excite to deep humility, penitence and prayer; to awaken a profounder sense of the weakness of all human foresight, and the helplessness of all human aid; to lead to a more perfect and absolute reliance upon Divine wisdom, and upon the pure, simple Gospel, as the only power ordained by God for the salvation of men; to enkindle still greater zeal and devotedness, and to call forth the

energies, the enterprise and the self-denial of His Church, in simple faith and obedience to His will. And as the lives of many dear to us, as well as to other portions of the Church, are still exposed to the fury of the heathen, this Synod would earnestly urge upon our Pastors and people to make the subject of Missions in India, and also in China, special objects of attention in the services of the Sanctuary; and especially in their supplications at the throne of grace, in their closets, at the family altar, in the social prayer meeting, and in the more public assemblies of the congregations. And in the confidence that all these events are under the direction and control of Him to whom "the heathen are given for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession;" and that one further end the Head of the Church has in view may be a more perfect exhibition of the deep malignity of heathenism, as treason against God, and the utter corruption of every right principle and good feeling of the human heart, they would affectionately encourage the Board and the friends of Missions throughout our country not to despond, much less to despair; but to be strong and of a courageous heart, and to go forward, not doubting that light will arise out of this darkness, order out of this confusion, and victory out of these apparent defeats.

4. That as Synod has felt constrained to accept the resignation of James Adger, Esq., as Treasurer for Foreign Missions, and has fully expressed its affectionate regards towards him—

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, James M. Caldwell, Esq., be appointed to this office; and that Messrs. Wm. C. Dukes and Wm. H. Gilliland be the Auditing Committee.

5. That the members of the Executive Committee now in office be re-appointed.

On motion of Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. T. A. Hoyt for the sermon just delivered by him, and that he be requested to place it in the hands of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, for publication.

The Minutes of to-day's session were then read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, the Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in the

Presbyterian Church at the town of Sumter, on Wednesday before the fifth Sabbath of October, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

W. BANKS, *Moderator.*

T. L. MCBRYDE, *Temporary Clerk.*
JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

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T. L. McBryde, D.D.,	Hon. E. A. Nisbit,
Alonzo Church, D.D.,	J. J. Gresham,
N. A. Pratt, D.D.,	Barrington King.
R. K. Porter,	
I. S. K. Axson.	

FACULTY.

GEORGE HOWE, D.D., *Professor of Biblical Literature.*

A. W. LELAND, D.D., *Prof. of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.*

J. H. THORNWELL, D.D., L.L.D., *Prof. of Didactic and Polemic Theology.*

J. B. ADGER, D.D., *Prof. of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity.*

Rev. JAMES COHEN, *Tutor in Hebrew.*

MINUTES

Of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, S. C., May 26th—28th, 1857.

Dr. Howe's Recitation Room,
Tuesday, May 26, 1857, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, in Dr. Howe's recitation room in the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Hon. T. C. Perrin, the President, took the chair and the meeting was opened with prayer. Rev. G. C. Gregg was appointed Secretary *pro tempore.*

Upon calling the roll the following members were found to be present:—

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
W. Banks,	T. C. Perrin,
J. L. McBryde, D.D.,	John A. Inglis,
N. A. Pratt, D.D.,	W. Shear,
R. K. Porter,	Barrington King,
D. McQueen,	John A. Crawford.
Edward Palmer,	
G. C. Gregg.	

A letter was received from Rev. John Douglas assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees, viz:—

Audits.—B. King, W. Banks, R. K. Porter.

Ways and Means.—J. A. Inglis, W. Shear, D. McQueen.

Library, Laws and Regulations.—N. A. Pratt, T. L. McBryde, E. Palmer.

Buildings.—R. K. Porter, J. A. Crawford, B. King.

The election of officers was postponed until to-morrow.

The reports of the Investing Committees and the Treasurer's Account, were received and referred to the Committee on Audits.

The report of the Faculty was received and referred to the Committee on the Library, Laws and Regulations.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the examination of the Students proceed to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, and that the instructors be requested to conduct the examination in Pastoral Theology, Sacred Rhetoric, Didactic and Polemic Theology, Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, in the absence of the Professors of said departments. The following committee was appointed to aid the Instructors in conducting the examination, viz:—N. A. Pratt, W. Banks, T. L. McBryde, J. A. Inglis, W. Shear.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire and report as to the practical application of the first clause of the 8th Article, Section 14th, concerning payment of the travelling expenses of the members of the board.

The Board then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Board met in Dr. Howe's recitation room and was opened with prayer.

The Instructors of the Seminary, Rev. Mr. Stacy of the Synod of Georgia, and the members of Presbyterial Committees appointed to attend the examination of the Students, were invited to sit as corresponding members of the board.

The annual sermon before the Board by Rev. N. A. Pratt. D.D., was appointed to be delivered in the Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening at 8¼ o'clock.

The Board adjourned to the Chapel to attend the examination of the Students, which was continued to 12 o'clock, M., when the Board met in Dr. Howe's recitation room and resumed business.

Mr. James K. Douglass appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Audits reported:

That they have examined the account of A. Crawford, Treasurer, and find it correct; also a statement from the Georgia Investing Committee, showing how the funds of the Theological

Seminary are invested in that State. The Committee recommend that the Investing Committee of South Carolina present a statement at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, showing how the funds in this State are invested; which statement shall be filed by the Secretary.

Permission was granted to the Committee on the Library, Laws and Regulations to sit during the afternoon.

A communication was received from the Directory of the Camden Bank, which was placed on file.

A communication was also received in reference to the Hopkin's Legacy, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The Board then had a recess until 3½ o'clock.

3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and proceeded to the Chapel to attend the examination of the Students; after which the Board adjourned to Dr. Howe's recitation room.

The Committee on Buildings presented the following report, which was adopted:—

We find ourselves again without the expected and necessary report of your Standing Building Committee from which to gather the materials usually embodied in this report. We can therefore only call your attention to that which is suggested by a brief personal observation. We beg leave to report a recommendation of the new and fire-proof covering of the South Piazza, which adds greatly to the safety of the property.

As necessary both to the safety and appearance of the centre building, we recommend an order to the Executive Committee for the immediate removal, (or alteration as they deem best,) of the structure now standing on its roof.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. T. C. PERRIN, *President.*
Rev. JOHN DOUGLAS, *Vice-President.*
Rev. G. C. GREGG, *Secretary,*
A. CRAWFORD, *Treasurer.*

The Standing Committees of the Board were appointed as follows:

Executive Committee.—J. B. Adger, D.D., J. H. Thornwell, D.D.,

J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Charles Beck, Dr. J. McFaddin Gaston, Col. C. R. Bryce.

Investing Committee for the State of Georgia.—James W. Davis, George M. Thew.

Investing Committee for the State of South Carolina.—John A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford.

Standing Building Committee.—George Howe, D.D., A. W. Leland, D. D., J. A. Crawford, C. Beck, C. R. Bryce, John S. Scott.

Rev. W. C. Dana was appointed to preach the next annual sermon before the board, and Rev. W. Banks his alternate.

The Society of Inquiry extended an invitation to the Board to attend a meeting of the same this evening in the Chapel, to hear the valedictory address of the President.

The Board then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The board met according to adjournment in Dr. Howe's recitation room, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the Library, Laws and Regulations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

The Committee on the Library have examined the same, and find it in good condition, and increased by the addition of the "Smyth Library," and fifty-nine other volumes, making in all 16,574 volumes. The books need to be numbered and labelled, and a complete catalogue to be prepared; which work the committee recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ some suitable person to do as soon as convenient.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations beg leave to report, that the only matter brought before them is the report of the Faculty, in which they find the following items worthy of notice:

1. The number of Students is larger than it was last year, there being 34 on the catalogue; that the Studies of the Seminary have been pursued with the usual degree of diligence; that the religious feeling of the Students has been healthy, and at times deeply earnest; and that their efforts to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in the city and country have been continued as heretofore.

2. The Rev. James Cohen, who was appointed Tutor in Hebrew by the Board at its last meeting for one year, which appointment was confirmed by the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, has been engaged in that duty with great fidelity and success since last October. In reference to this appointment the committee are deeply impressed with the desirableness of having a man so eminently qualified for his work permanently in the Seminary; and would therefore recommend that he be continued in the same office, subject to removal, as in the case of Professors, and for the same reason; and that his salary be fixed for the ensuing year, beginning the first of October next, at $1250.

3. The Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., who was elected to the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity by the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia at their last sessions, entered upon his duties about the middle of February, but has not formally signified his acceptance of the professorship, and hence it is not thought advisable to take order for his inauguration.

4. The Professors advert to a subject in their report deeply affecting the prosperity of the Seminary, to which the special attention of the Board and of all interested in our beloved Institution should be directed; and that is the high rates of boarding in Columbia in consequence of the advanced price of provisions every where. There is a felt necessity that something be done, and done quickly, to remedy this evil, else students, who would come to our Seminary, will go to other Institutions where board is cheaper. We must be able to compete with these Institutions in this respect if we wish ours to be filled with Students; for most of them being poor, they cannot afford to pay the present prices.

The plan proposed by the Professors and other friends of the Institution is, to erect a Steward's Hall, and to employ a suitable person or family to take charge of the same; and in order to accomplish these ends, that a fund be raised to build a Hall, and with the interest of the remainder to pay the Steward and otherwise cheapen board. The committee think well of the plan and would therefore recommend that ministers and church sessions interested in the welfare of our Seminary, be requested to aid in accomplishing this desirable end.

5. The Committee would also recommend, inasmuch as the inauguration of Dr. Thornwell, which was ordered to take place

at this time, cannot now be attended to in consequence of his absence, that when this board adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church in this place, on Tuesday before the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, at 7 o'clock, P. M., there and then to attend to the above service, and to any other business that may come before them.

The Board then took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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4 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and resumed business. Mr. Inglis from the Committee of Ways and Means presented the following report which was adopted:

The Committee of Ways and Means have considered the various matters referred to them and report, with reference to,

I. The condition of the permanent funds under the care of the Board, devoted specially to the payment of the salaries of Professors, and the support of candidates for the ministry, pursuing their studies in the Seminary, that,

1. The old or South Carolina Professorship, amounting to $27,450 is invested in good bonds, bank and bridge stocks, yielding an average interest of 8 per cent. During the past year the income from this fund has been $2107 50.

2. The Georgia Professorship, amounting to $28,500 is invested in bonds, notes, and bank stocks, yielding an average interest of 7¼ per cent, and believed to be entirely secure. During the past year an actual income of $2118 82 has been realized.

3. The Third Professorship, amounting to $33,389 87 is securely invested in bonds and bank stocks, yielding an average interest of 7 2-3d. per cent. During the past year, the income actually realized from this fund has been $2478 82.

4. The Fourth Professorship. The amount subscribed to this fund is now in progress of collection and investment. Besides the sum appropriated to the purchase of a dwelling house for the Professor, there seems to be $32,700, applicable to the endowment of the professorship. Of this amount, $14,413 is already invested very judiciously in bonds and bank stock, yielding an average interest of about 7 per cent. Nearly $7,000 is drawing interest in the hands of a highly responsible agent. About

$10,000 is yet uncollected in original subscriptions and notes, and a small balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer, waiting an opportunity for favorable investment. This fund may reasonably be relied upon, for an annual income of $2,250.

5. The Education Fund, consisting of sundry Scholarships, and the Blair Legacy, amounting in all to $16,617 66 is well invested in notes and bank stocks, yielding an average interest of 7 per cent. The actual income which has been received from this fund during the past year, and the disposition made of it, the committee are unable to state, owing to the necessary absence from the city of the very accurate Treasurer of the Board, who has this matter in charge, and from whom, upon his return, the information can readily be obtained. The committee have learned that since the last annual meeting of the Board, an increase has been made in the capital stock of the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore; and the privilege to which this Board as a stockholder was entitled has been used, by taking 33 new shares for the benefit of the education fund. Of this fact, however, we have no official information, for the same reason as is above stated. The funds belonging to one of the scholarships, (the Nephew,) is in the hands of the investing committee for the State of Georgia. The amount is $2500, and with the $28,500 belonging to the Georgia Professorship makes up the total of $31,000 whereof the investment is fully reported by that committee. Their report does not, however, enable us to distinguish the scholarship fund, and the precise manner of its investment from the mass. Your committee think it important that this should be done, otherwise funds, distinct in their origin and purpose, will ultimately come to be confounded, from which, in circumstances that may arise, great inconvenience and perplexity would result. In the present instance, the Treasurer has found it necessary to pay, out of the funds in his hands for the general purposes of the Seminary, the interest of this scholarship, to the education account. Undoubtedly this is owing to the fact, that the Investing Committee have not been aware that they were charged with the investment of any funds other than those belonging to the Georgia Professorship.

II.—The receipts and expenditures for the past year.

There has been received, from the income of the three professorships already completed, the sum of $6,586 32, and from other

sources $1069 07, making in all $7,655 39. The expenditures have been: for salaries $4,916 66, repairs $702 51, library $229 94. Education $175, sundry other objects $138 20, making a total of $6,162 31, being an excess of receipts over expenditures of $1,493 08. At the date of the last account there was due to the Treasurer a balance of $3,450 19. The excess of receipts during the past year as above $1,493 08 being applied towards the extinguishment of this balance there will remain still due to the Treasurer $1,957 11. The receipts and expenditures on account of the Fourth Professorship are stated in a separate account, not being embraced in the Treasurer's general account analyzed above.

III.—Liabilities and sources of revenue.

The liabilities of the Seminary for the year now current may be approximated thus:

For Salaries of 4 Professors to 1 April next,	$8,500
" Salary of Hebrew Tutor to " "	875
" Insurance on Buildings and Library about	450
" Old Balance due Treasurer, - -	1,957 11
	$11,782 11

To meet these liabilities, there will be received,

Balance in hands of Georgia Investing Committee	$ 278 82
Income of Four Professorships, say -	8,600
Fifth Instalment of Mrs. Law's Bond, -	1,000
Legacy of Miss Hopkins, - -	1,000
	$10,878 82

Leaving a deficiency of $903 29 to be provided for.

IV.—The payment of the expences of members of the board in attendance upon the meetings.

Your Committee cannot learn that the provision of the Constitution on this subject has ever been executed. This will probably explain the difficulty in securing a full attendance upon our meetings. It is neither reasonable nor kind to expect that ministers and laymen should appropriate their time to the interests of the Seminary, at a considerable sacrifice of domestic comfort and private business, and do this at their own pecuniary expense. It is desirable that members of this Board, residing at a distance from Columbia should be encouraged to attend the meetings, and this cannot with propriety be asked of them unless the payment

of their travelling expenses be provided for. The ordinary average rate of compensation to ministers of the gospel is too low to permit any one to expend so considerable a portion of his salary in this way. Strong as are your committee's conviction that this constitutional provision for the case ought to be practically executed, and earnest as is their desire that it should be so, they cannot, in the present state of our finances, recommend the appropriation of any part of our funds to this object. The remedy is with the Synods and the Churches, and to them it must be remitted.

Your Committee, in closing this report, respectfully remark:—

1. Heretofore the salary of the Rev. Dr. Thornwell has been paid from the mass of collections made from year to year, on the subscription to the fourth Professorship. As the annual interest on the whole amount of this subscription is not equal to the amount of the salary, it is quite evident that a continuance of this course must work a constantly increasing reduction of the principal fund. Your committee would respectfully urge the propriety of the speedy collection and investment of the whole of this subscription, that the exact amount of the income to be yielded thereby may thus be known and this alone be relied on. Such investment of the principal will exhibit the actual deficiency of the income, and make more palpable the necessity of completing the endowment.

2. If the several investing committees, and Treasurer can report in writing at each annual meeting of the Board hereafter, the actual investment of the various funds in their charge, the income received therefrom and the application of the same, distinguishing between the funds belonging to the professorships and those devoted to education, the information so communicated, your committee think, would be acceptable to the Synods. If however this is found too much trouble and inconvenience, it ought not to be asked, considering the obligations the Board is already under to the Treasurer and Investing Committees for their painstaking and care in these matters.

3. There are many necessary and constantly recurring expences, as well as also others occasionally arising in the conduct of the Seminary, for which there is no permanent provision. The funds subscribed for the endowment of the three earlier professorships are now yielding an income more than sufficient to pay

the salaries of the professors holding those appointments. Besides this excess, the only other source of revenue for all the other expences of the Institution, is found in the free will offerings of the churches and individuals Occasional legacies and other donations help to supply the want. Your committee would suggest that to constitute a contingent fund, out of which all the current expences of the Seminary, not otherwise specially provided for, including the travelling expences of the members of the Board, shall be paid, there be applied all the aforesaid excess of the incomes of the professorships over the salaries to which such income is first applicable, all legacies and other donations not otherwise specifically appropriated by the donor or by resolution of the Board, and all other revenue derived from occasional sources. And that to complete this fund, the Synods be requested to enjoin upon all their churches a regular annual collection for the Seminary.

For a more detailed statement of the various funds, &c., your Committee refer to the Tabular Statements herewith filed.

The Board adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church this evening, at 8¼ o'clock.

Presbyterian Church, 8¼ o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and listened to the Annual Discourse preached by Rev. N. A. Pratt, D.D. The thanks of the Board were tendered Rev. Dr. Pratt for the discourse of the evening.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet in Laurensville, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the President.

Closed with Prayer.

T. C. PERRIN, President.

G. C. GREGG, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

Of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, May 26, 1857.

I.—RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
By balance due Treasurer as per last years' acct.		$3,450 19
Interest and Dividends on S. C. Professorship,	$2,551 50	
" " Third or New,	2,058 82	
" " Georgia,	2,000 00	
Library, cash received per Dr. Howe,	45 07	
Mrs. Law, Fourth instalment on her bond,	1,000 00	
By H. C. Brunson, for burial lot in Churchyard,		50 00
Dr. Leland's salary to 1st of April last,		1,500 00
Dr. Howe's " " "		1,500 00
Dr. Adger's " " "		500 00
Dr. Palmer's, in full to 1st Nov. last,		666 66
Rev. James Cohen's salary to 1st July next,		750 00
A. Palmer, balance for Tinning Roof and Gas-fittings,		160 65
Col. Gas Company, for Service Pipe for Chapel,		6 00
Radcliffe & Guignard and W. B. Stanly, for Gas-fittings,		29 63
James Brown, for painting Library Rooms,		37 25
Charles Beck and A. Glass, for work and lumber for Library,		68 03
G. S. Bower and A. C. Squier, for Chairs,		42 00
Levin & Baker and A. R. Philips, for Stove and Coal,		15 50
John S. Dues, for Tinning Roof Piazza,		94 78
Biblical Repertory, as per bill,		27 25
I. C. Morgan, Printing Circulars and Numbers,		60 50
Rev. E. Cater's Expenses to Georgia Synod,		20 25
Insurance on Buildings and Library,		248 67
Dr. Howe's bill for Books and work in Library,		142 69
G. H. Coit, Librarian, on acct. of salary,		60 00
Nephew Scholarship to Education acct.,		175 00
Postage on Circulars, Stationery, &c.,		7 45
To balance down to credit side,	1957 11	
	$9612 50	$9612 50

By balance due Treasurer, $1957 11.

II.—INVESTMENT OF SO. CAROLINA PROFESSORSHIP.

202	Shares Stock of Commercial Bank of Columbia,	$5,050
80	" " Bank of Charleston, old issue, .	8,000
9	" " " " new issue, .	4 0
52	" " Exchange Bank, Columbia. .	1,300
26	" " Farmers & Exchange Bank, Charleston,	650
100	" " Columbia Bridge Company, .	10,000
J. R. Wilson and Hugh Wilson's Bond, . .		2,000
		$27,450

III.—INVESTMENT OF GEORGIA PROFESSORSHIP.

3	Bonds, Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company,	$2,560
3	" Western and Atlantic Rail Road, .	3,000
1	" City of Augusta, . . .	500
2	" Augusta and Waynesboro' Rail Road, .	1,000
30	Shares Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company,	2,955
50	" Bank of Augusta, . . .	5,000
Note of S. S. Davis and C. J. Jenkins . .		900
"	S. S. Davis and Samuel Clarke, . .	500
"	T. S. Metcalf and secured by Bank Stocks	8,000
"	Bones & Brown, ...	4,085
		$28,500

IV.—INVESTMENT OF THIRD PROFESSORSHIP.

228	Shares Stock Bank of Camden, . .	$11,575	54
297	" " Commercial Bank of Columbia,	8,613	
32	" " Bank of Charleston, new issue,	1,368	
33⅓	" " Farmers' & Planters' Bank, Baltimore, ...	833	33⅓
4	Bonds Charlotte and South Carolina Rail Road Company, ...	2,000	
6	Bonds Greenville & Columbia R. Road Company,	3,000	
Note of John & Harriet English, . .		6,000	
		$33,389	87⅓

V.—INVESTMENT FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.

32 Shares Stock Bank of Georgetown,	$ 896	
23 People's Bank of South Carolina,	609	50
1 Bond State of South Carolina 6 per cent	932	50
8 " " "	7,400	
4 " City of Savannah, "	4,325	
2 " " "		
5 Shares Stock Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company,	250	
Residue of the Fund Stands,		
Cash in hands of James Adger & Co.	8,644	93
" " Treasurer,	1,032	29
Subscriptions yet uncollected,	10,250	
	$34,340	22

VI.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

1 Lanneau Scholarship,		
50 Shares Stock Bank of South Carolina,	$ 2,250	
2 Congregational and Presbyterian Scholarship,		
44 Shares Stock Union Bank of So. Carolina,	2,200	
3 Telfair Timothy Scholarship,		
100 Shares Stock People's Bank, Charleston,	2,500	
4 Joseph Ellison Scholarship,		
92 Shares Commercial Bank, Columbia,	2,495	
5 Fabian Scholarship,		
J. C. & J. Dunwody's Bond and Mortgage,	2,500	
6 Nephew Scholarship,		
Invested in Georgia—mode not known,	2,500	
7 Blair Legacy, ⅔ of 100 Shares of Stock in Farmers' & Planters' Bank of Baltimore,	1,666	66⅔
20 Shares Stock Farmers' & Exchange Bank, Charleston.	500	
33 Shares Stock Farmers' & Planters' Bank, Baltimore,	825	
	$17,441	66

The two last named Investments not yet appropriated to any Scholarship—Dividends transferred to Education Account.

VII.—SUMMARY.

South Carolina Professorship, . . .	$ 27,450
Georgia Professorship, ...	28,500
Third Professorship, ...	33,389 87⅓
Fourth Professorship	34,340 22
Scholarships, ...	17,441 66
Total, .	$141,121 75⅓

VIII.—CLAIMS ON THE TREASURY FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Balance due Treasurer, ...	$ 1,957 11
Salary of 4 Professors, ...	8,500
" Hebrew Tutor, ...	1,250
Insurance on Buildings and Library, .	500
	$12,207 11

IX.—RESOURCES TO MEET THESE CLAIMS.

Dividends and Interest on So. Carolina Professorship.	$ 2,100
" " Georgia "	2,000
" " Third "	2,200
" " Fourth "	1,800
Fifth Instalment on Mrs. Law's Bond, . .	1,000
Hopkins Legacy, ...	1,000
	$10,100

Deficit, $2,107 11.

X.—THE LIBRARY.

The Library has undergone a more complete arrangement during the past year, though much labour is yet to be bestowed upon it in preparing a proper catalogue, especially of the Smyth Library, and in labelling and numbering the volumes. Action has been taken by the Board to complete the work. The Smyth Library is only used by the Students as a consulting library; and for this purpose it is accessible during the larger part of each day, and suitable accommodations have been provided for the comfort of those resorting to its rooms. There have been added to the old Library of the Seminary 59 volumes, making its present

number 5616. The Smyth Library embraces 10,958 volumes, making in all 16,574 volumes. This collection does not embrace the small but valuable collection belonging to the Society of Inquiry.

XI.—THE BUILDINGS.

Some improvements have been made in the Centre Building, such as covering the piazza with a tin roof and making such changes in the Library Rooms as were necessary. As previously reported Law Hall is complete. The balance against the Treasury will be reduced by the last instalment of Mrs. Law's donation falling due the present year.

XII.—FACULTY REPORT.

The number of Students in attendance on the instructions of the Professors during the year has been thirty-four.

RESIDENT GRADUATE.

John S. Harris.

SENIOR CLASS.

Names.	Graduates of	Candidates of
J. A. Barr,	Davidson College,	Concord Presbytery,
D. C Boggs,	Oglethorpe University,	So. Carolina "
James E. Dunlop,	University of Virginia,	Bethel "
J. C. Humphrey,	Licentiate,	Flint River "
W. A. Woods,	Davidson College,	Concord "

MIDDLE CLASS.

Names.	Graduates of	Candidates of
S. E. Axson,	Oglethorpe University,	Charleston Presbytery.
G. H. Coit,	Amherst College,	" "
David Fairley.	Davidson "	Harmony "
E. O. Frierson,	Oglethorpe University,	Florida "
W. F. Hall,	Davidson College,	Concord "
A. R. Liddell,	Oglethorpe University,	Flint River "
J. C. McNair,	Chapel Hill College,	Fayetteville "
H. M. Morrison,	Uni. Mississippi,	N. Mississippi "

Names.	Graduates of	Candidates of
W. F. Pearson.		So. Carolina "
R. W. Shive,	University Mississippi,	Chickasaw "
A. P. Smith,	Oglethorpe University,	
T. E. Smith,	" "	Charleston "
J. A. Walker,	Citadel Academy,	So. Carolina "

JUNIOR CLASS.

Names.	Graduates of	Candidates of
J. C. Alexander,	Davidson College	Concord Presbytery.
R. B. Anderson,	Nassau Hall,	
Robert Bradley,	Oglethorpe University,	
Charles Bridgeman,	Amherst College,	
J DeWill Burkhead,	Davidson "	Concord Presbytery,
J. A. Danforth,	Oglethorpe University,	
John Darroch,	Nassau Hall,	
Henry R. Dickson,	Charleston College,	Charleston Presby'y.
J. H. Gaillard,	Uni. Mississippi,	Chickasaw "
Holmes L. Harvey,	Oglethorpe University,	
Henry F. Hoyt,	Franklin College,	
J. C. Kennedy		So. Carolina "
Arch. McQueen,	Davidson College,	Fayetteville "
Arthur McD. Wrenn,	Nassau Hall,	
T. D. Witherspoon,	Uni. Mississippi,	Charleston Presby'y.

The studies of the Seminary have been pursued with the usual degree of diligence. In the Biblical department the instruction of the Junior Class in the Hebrew Language has fallen wholly upon Mr. Cohen, who has bestowed great pains upon this branch of study. The labours of the Professor of Biblical Literature have been devoted to the Exegetical study of the four Gospels with the Junior; of the Epistle to the Romans, the first Epistle to the Corinthians, the Messianic Psalms and Isaiah with the Senior and Middle Classes. He has lectured also in the department of Biblical Literature to the Junior Class.

The Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology has been visited during the year with deep affliction, but has conducted the Senior and Middle Classes through the usual course of Rhetoric and Homiletics.

The Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology has, with some unavoidable interruptions at the commencement of the year from bereavements and ill health, carried the Junior Class over a course on the Evidences of Christianity and Natural Theology; the Middle and Senior Classes through Didactic Theology--the instructions being based on Calvin's Institutes. He has also lectured on Systematic Theology to the Senior Class; and to the Senior and Middle Classes on Metaphysical Philosophy. To these he has added an exercise in Logic to the Junior Class.

The Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity has made a commencement in his Professorship—the 4th Book of the Institutes being his text book in church government.

The usual Rhetorical Exercises have occupied the evening of Tuesday of each week, and the Professor's Conference has been kept up a considerable portion of the year. The religious feeling of the Seminary has been healthy, and at times deeply earnest, and the efforts of the Students to advance the interests of religion in the city and country have been continued. They have secured the services of a minister in the Missionary Church established by them in the District of Richland, and have reason to be encouraged at the success of their labours there and elsewhere.

XIII.—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1. Hebrew Tutorship.—The Board, having control of this matter, has made the office permanent, and appointed Rev. James Cohen to the same at a salary for the present year of $1250. By the terms of his appointment Mr. Cohen is subject to removal only as in the case of Professors and for the same reasons.

2. The Board would bring to the notice of the Synod a subject deeply affecting the interests of the Seminary, viz.; the high rates of boarding in Columbia in consequence of the advanced price of provisions every where.

The Professors and Executive Committee of the Board have had this matter under consideration, and have come to this conclusion, that some reduction must be made in the price of boarding, or Students will seek those Institutions which yield instruction at less cost. The following plan has been suggested: That a Steward's Hall be erected and a suitable person or family be employed to take charge of the same; and for the accomplishment of this plan, that a fund be raised to build a Hall, and with the

interest of the remainder to pay the Steward and otherwise cheapen boarding. In the general purpose of this scheme the Board has expressed concurrence and commended it to the liberal benefactions of the churches. The details of the plan await further action.

3. The Board has taken no specific steps towards raising money for the complete endowment of the Fourth Professorship, and for liquidating the debt contracted in the purchase of the Smyth Library, in as much as Dr. Thornwell proposes visiting the West and South West at some early period, for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Seminary.

4. Inauguration of Dr. Thornwell.

Rev. James H. Thornwell, D.D., was inaugurated in the Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology by the Board at an adjourned meeting held in Columbia on the 13th inst.

5. The following Directors go out of office at this time, whose places must be filled by a new election—to wit.

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.	SYNOD OF GEORGIA.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
P. E. Bishop,	S. K. Talmage, D.D.,
D. McQueen,	F. Bowman, D.D.,
J. Forrest, D.D.,	J. C. Patterson,
Edward Palmer,	D. J. Auld.
Laymen.	*Laymen.*
J. A. Crawford,	E. L. Newton,
W. C. Dukes,	W. L. Mitchell,
H. M. Bruns,	G. E. Thomas.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. C. GREGG, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Committee of Education respectfully report to Synod:—

That during the past Synodical year they have afforded aid to 14 Beneficiaries, all of them Students of the Seminary. Those who had no other resources received $200 each; and those, who were assisted by the Assembly's Board or otherwise, received from us an amount sufficient to render their support equal to that of those first mentioned.

Your Committee herewith present to Synod the Account of A. Crawford, Esq., Treasurer for Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. W. LELAND, *Chairman.*

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Receipts:

From Income of Scholarships, Notes and other Vested Funds,		$1,413 96
" A Friend to Presbyterianism, through Dr. Leland,		50 00
" A Friend, through Rev. S. H. Hay,		100 00
" Wilton Church, (South Carolina,)		25 00
" 1st Church, Columbia, (South Carolina,)		153 25
" 1st Church, New Orleans,		318 42
" Mr. H. M. Morrison, collected by him in Mississipi,		100 00
" Dr. J. B. Adger, collected by him in Pendleton,		20 00
" A Beneficiary, cash refunded,		50 00
Total Amount of Receipts,		2,230 63
Balance in hand from last year,		1,733 46
Total,		$3,964 09

Disbursements:

Paid to 14 Beneficiaries,	$1,319 00	
" I. C. Morgan, for printing,	6 50	$1,325 50
Balance now in Treasurer's hands,		$2,638 59

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

To the Synod of South Carolina, October, 1857.*

Your Committee present herewith the Report of your Treasurer, James Adger, Esq., to Oct. 9th, and also the Report from the Treasurer in New York, to Oct. 10th, 1857.

Amount reported by Mr. Adger as received by him from Nov. 4, 1856, to Oct. 9, 1857,	$4,376 80
Amount reported by the Treasury in New York for the same time—that is, from Nov. 1, 1856, to Oct. 10, 1857,	1,202 50
Total,	$5,579 30

* The argument embodied in this Report was ordered to be printed in separate form.

Amount reported last year by Mr. Adger, as received by him from Nov. 10th, 1855, to Oct. 23d, 1856,	$3,662 66
By the Treasury in New York, from Nov. 1st, 1855, to Nov. 1st, 1856,	1,237 63
Total,	$4,900 29

The amount for the present year shows, therefore, an increase over the previous year of $731 61.

This is certainly very encouraging, and is ground for very heartfelt praise to God, who has given His people an increasing heart to this work of God. The amount, it is true, is in itself small, and less than that given by a single congregation,* and we may say of it "what is this among so many?" both as it regards ourselves, the givers, and the heathen who are the receivers. But as compared with what we have done, and with the general average of contributions throughout our Church, it is matter for unfeigned congratulation. And while it is not wise, and is even dangerous, to compare ourselves among ourselves, while all are unprofitable servants and come very far short of either duty or privilege—nevertheless, if done in a proper manner, it may at once humble and hearten us, and provoke ourselves and others to love, and zeal, and greater devotedness.

The argument presented by your Committee last year on "Faith, as the Principle of Missions," was designed to carry forward that of the preceding year on "How are the Heathen to be converted?" or, "Christians, Christ's Representatives and Agents for the Conversion of the World." And as that argument had been published by our Board of Publication at the request of this Synod, it was thought advisable to give to the Board the offer of printing a large edition of this for us, and at the same time adding it to their Missionary publications. The Board at once expressed their desire to publish it, and have accordingly issued an edition for us of 2500 copies, in 18mo cloth, to correspond with the previous edition, the cost of which is not greatly more than the same number in well printed pamphlet form would have cost, while the Board has the stereotype plates and has issued the pamphlet as one of their own publications.

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* Dr. Alexander's, in New York.

By this means, it is hoped, from notices which have already appeared, that whatever good the argument is likely to accomplish will be considerably increased. Of these 2500 copies, 1000 copies are here present for distribution among the three upper Presbyteries, and the remainder will be distributed among the Charleston Presbytery, the Students in the Theological Seminary, and as the demands of usefulness may suggest.

An amount for former publication not presented last year is found in the present account.

The discourse delivered before the last Synod by the Rev. Mr. Girardeau, and requested for publication, has not yet been put into the hands of the Committee, but will, it is hoped, be still supplied.

As your chairman, who has now occupied this responsible and highly important position for some twenty-five years, has thought he should shortly put off this tabernacle, and cease from his earthly labours; and that even if kept alive by God for further usefulness, it might be altogether best to devolve this office upon some more vigorous and active brother, he has felt a great desire to impart to you, in one or two further arguments, views of the great duty of Missions, which he would leave with you as summaries of what for so long a time he has thought and felt and urged upon you, and as pillars of memorial and of testimony, which if God so please may speak with encouraging and affectionate words, even when he is dead and no longer among you. Your patience and consideration will, therefore, be requested now to the contemplation of—*Obedience, the Life of Missions*, as consecutive to "Faith, the Principle of Missions."

In conclusion, your Committee have to regret the positive resignation of Mr. Adger as Treasurer, which he has so long and often tendered; and as on some accounts, the Treasury would still be desirable in Charleston, they would suggest that James M. Caldwell, Esq., be requested to render the Synod his valuable services in this office.

THOMAS SMYTH, *Chairman of Committee of Foreign Missions.*

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

IN ACCOUNT WITH JAMES ADGER, TREASURER.

1856.				
Nov.	4.	By cash—		
		Through Andrew Crawford, Esq., monthly collections, First Pres'n Church, Columbia,		175 28
	18.	Through Rev. Thos. Smyth, collection of Beech Island Church,	12 00	
		Collection of Hephzibah Church,	11 25	
		" " Bethel Church,	21 00	
		" " Ebenezer Church,	66 43	
				110 68
	20.	Contribution of J. Doby, of Guthriesville		3 00
	26.	Through Mr. J. E. McClure, collection of Beaver Creek Church,		17 00
	28.	Through Rev. J. E. White, Synodical collection at Purity Church,		80 00
Dec.	9.	Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Presbyterian Church,		5 00
	10.	Through Rev. W. States Lee, collection Church, Edisto Island.		32 80
	13.	In a letter, dated Pickens Co., Alabama, from a lady, a friend to Missions,		10 00
	13.	Collections at sundry times of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston,		130 88
	18.	Through Rev. A. A. James, collection of Fairforest Church, Bethel Presbytery,		7 00
	18.	From Mrs. Anne Ryan,		1 28
	31.	Through W. Y. Paxton, Treas., collections of Glebe Street Presbyterian Church,		100 00
1857.				
Jan'y	3.	Through Rev. W. B. Corbett from Wilton Church,		16 00
	7.	Through W. J. Johnson, Treasurer, collection of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston,		23 13
	8.	Through Rev. P. E. Bishop, in a letter, dated Bennettsville, So. Ca.,		30 00
	10.	Through Rev. W. Baird, from Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg C. H.,		31 30
Jan'y	23.	Through Rev. R. Post from a member of the Circular Church, Charleston,		3 00
	24.	From Rev. Douglass Harrison of Bethel Presbytery for suport of Rev. Charlton H. Wilson, at Wapannika Chickesaw Mission,		25 00
	24.	Through D. D. Moore from Bethesda Church,		30 00
Feb'y	3.	Through Andrew Crawford, Treas., monthly collections Presbyterian Church, Columbia,		125 20
	10.	Through Andrew Crawford, Treas., collections of Presbyterian Church, Columbia,		247 00
	18.	Through Rev. S. Donnelly, from a family in the Rock Church,		12 00
	28.	From Mr. J. S. Harris to be added to the contribution through D. D. Moore, from Bethesda Church,		4 00
		Carried forward,		1219 55

	Brought forward,			1219 55
March	2. Through Wm. J. Johnson, Treasurer, annual collection, Second Presbyterian Church,	293 83		
	Collected at Sunday School at sundry times,	21 28		
				315 11
	24. Through W. J. Johnson, Treas'r, collected at Sabbath School,	13 30		
	From a member,	2 00		
				15 30
	26. Through Rev W States Lee, from Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island,			100 00
	27. Through E C Jones, Treas'r, collections Anson Street Coloured Church,			54 93
	28. Through J. J. Bonner, Jr., from the A. R. Synod of the South for support of a boy in Africa as per arrangement,			200 00
April	4. Through Dr. John Knox, Treasurer, from Pleasant Grove Church,			19 00
	7. Through W. J Johnson, Treas., collections of Sabbath School of Second Presby'an Church,			9 94
	7. Through Andrew Crawford, Treas., collection of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia,			150 31
	8. Through Mr. John Brown, Treasurer, from Beersheba Church,			6 00
	11. Through Rev. John S. Harris, from Zion Church,			3 00
	11. Through Rev. S. L. Watson, semi-annual collection of Bethel Church,			20 00
	13. Through W. J. Johnson, Treas., from Sabbath School, Second Presbyterian Church,			5 35
	14. Through Robinson & Caldwell, collection of Concord Church,			45 05
	20. Through A. R. Stillman, from Beech Island Church,			8 00
May	6. Through Dr. D. J. Townsend, Treasurer, from John's Island and Wadmalaw Church,			89 00
	12. Through Col. W. F. Hutson, collection of Stoney Creek Church,			75 00
	19. Through Mr. S. R. Moore, collection in Presbyterian Church, Yorkville,			149 75
	22. Through Mr. T. J. Little, collection in Church at Sparta, Georgia.			25 00
June	15. Through W. J. Johnson, Treasurer, collection of Sabbath School of Second Presbyterian Church,			36 05
	17. Through H. M. Bruns, Treas., collections of Central Presbyterian Church, 1856, Sept. $3 75, Dec. $14, 1857. June, $15,			32 75
	19. Through W. B. Corbett, collection of Wilton Presbyterian Church,			15 00
	22. Through Rev. R. Post, collection of Circular Church, Charleston.			116 50
	30. Through Mr. W. B. Allison, from Allison's Creek Church.			6 20
July	9. From Mrs. Anne Ryan,			1 00
	16. Through Mr. T. B. McCutchen, collections of Indiantown Church,	52 15		
	Colored people of Indiantown Church, for African Missions,	6 62		
				58 77
	Carried forward,			2776 56

	Brought forward,			2776 56
	27. Through Rev. A. A. James, from Fairforest Church, Bethel Presbytery,	19 00		
	Salem Church, Bethel Presbytery,	11 00		
				30 00
Aug.	5. Through A. Crawford, Esq., collections First Presbyterian Church, Columbia,			235 54
	8. Through Mr. John Brown, from Beersheba Church, to aid in liquidating a debt against the Board,			18 17
	8. Through Mr. J. G. Davidson, collection Bullock's Creek Church, S. C.			18 00
	22. Through Mr. T. J. Little, monthly concert collection in Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Ga.			20 00
Sept.	22. From Agricola Annual Subscription,			100 00
	26. Through Mr. Norris, Treasurer, for Foreign Missions, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, from Anderson C. H. Church,	30 52		
	From Bethesda Church $2; from Bethia $1,	3 00		
	From Broadaway $5; Duncan's Creek $2,	7 00		
	From Fairview $19 40; Friendship $4; Good Hope $46,	69 40		
	From Hopewell $12 25; Hopewell (Pen.) $67; Laurens C. H. $13; from Lebanon $30 55; Little Mountain $2,	124 80		
	Little River $9; Lodimont $9,	18 00		
	Midway $4 50; Nazareth $17 40; New Harmony $18 85,	40 75		
	From Providence $12; Roberts $21 50; Rock $43 80,	77 30		
	From Rocky River $16; Rocky Spring $6 75; Upper Long Cane $119 23; Varennis $2; Warrior's Creek $3,	146 98		
	From Willington $10; Colored person Greenwood $7 95,	17 95		
	From Mrs. Mary Simpson $2; Mrs. E. Saxon $1,	3 00		
	From Mrs. E. C. Boude $1; Sabbath School, Pendleton $13; Rev. W. McWorther $3,	17 00		
	From Carmel Church $5; R. H. Wardlaw, Treasurer, on Reds Legacy $29 30, and on D. Moten's Legacy $92 96; from Greenville Church $30.	157 26		
				712 96
	30. Through Rev. John Douglas, from James Island Church, from Ladies' Sewing Society,	76 00		
	Collections at monthly concerts,	44 20		
	Contribution of Rev. J. Douglas,	50 00		
				170 20
Oct.	6. From J. A. Enslow, Treasurer Charleston Presbytery,			20 95
	7. For three dividends on 80 shares stock Farmers' & Planters' Bank of Baltimore, being legacy of John Blair,			274 48
				4376 86

	Dr.		
1857.			
Jan'y 10.	To paid order of Evecutive Committee, for forwarding Missionary pamphlets,	1 50	
Feb'y 14.	To James Adger & Co., check on Brown, Brothers & Co., favor of, and remitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr., Treasurer, for $1202 05 ⅛ per cent premium,	1203 55	
21.	To paid Executive Committee order, amount of expense freight on Missionary pamphlets,	2 00	
24.	To paid Executive Committee order, for amount expense of Missionary pamphlets published and circulated in bounds of Synod,	78 30	
May 11.	To paid for and remitted check of James Adger & Co. on Fulton Bank, New York, in favor of Wm. Rankin. Jr., Treasurer, $1054 35, ¼ per cent. premium,	1056 99	
Aug. 5.	To paid Executive Committee order to Rev. T. Smyth, for publishing Missionary pamphlets on 18mo form and large editions in check on Philadelphia, for $294 74, ¼ per cent. premium,	295 48	
5.	To paid Executive Committee order for freight and expenses on above box,	2 00	
Oct. 9.	To paid for James Adger & Co, draft on Brown, Brothers & Co, New York, favor of, and remitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr, Treasurer, $1719 84c. ¼ per cent premium,	1737 04	
			4376 86

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, 9th October, 1857.

We have examined the account and vouchers, as above exhibited, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

Receipts by Board of Foreign Missions Presbyterian Church from within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, in addition to amounts reported by James Adger, Esq. from Nov. 1, 1856, to October 10, 1857.

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.			
Miscellaneous,			15
PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.			
Fishing Creek,	116 07		
Catholic,	15		
Mount Olivet,	16 55		
Concord,	8 80		
		156 42	
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.			
Charleston 1st,	43 37		
Do. 2d,	1		
Anson Street,	8 88		
		53 25	
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.			
Camden,	117 50		
Salem (B. R.) Church,	90 64		
Marion "	19 50		
Bishopville "	28		
Hopewell "	116		
Pine Tree "	8		
Darlington "	162 10		
Williamsburg "	60		
Cheraw "	117		
Indiantown "	50 95		
Reedy Creek "	3 90		
Carolina "	14 91		
Salem (L. R.) "	93 50		
Lebanon "	49 75		
Mount Zion "	130 75		
Scion "	30		
Concord "	10		
Miscellaneous,	100	1,202 50	
Total,		$1,427 17	

JAMES MACKEAN.

Mission House,
New York, Oct. 10, 1857.

LETTER OF THE REV. S. K. TALMAGE, D.D., PRESIDENT OF OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY.

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY, Oct. 10th, 1857.

To the Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina:

Reverend and Dear Brother,

Our Board of Trustees at their late Annual Meeting appointed a committee to prepare an Annual Report to be submitted to an adjourned meeting during the Sessions of the Georgia Synod. They were also instructed to transmit a general report, concerning the state of the Institution, to the Synods of South Carolina and Alabama.

Lest that report should not reach your Synod in season, I have thought it might be proper for me to communicate to you some general statements.

Our Institution is now substantially free from debt. The income from investments and tuition is fully adequate to meet the current expenses of our present organization.

The number of Students during the past year was 115 in the College proper, and 32 in the preparatory department.

The late Graduating Class consisted of 25, of whom several have the ministry in view, and a large number (embracing I believe some 14 or 15) propose employing themselves as teachers for the ensuing year.

We have had an orderly year in the main; a few cases of severe discipline have, however, been necessary for the first time in several years.

Some 4 or 5 have become hopefully pious during their residence here this year.

Our present deficiencies are the want of more rooms to accommodate students; and at least one more professorship endowed, to induce parents more generally to avail themselves of the advantages of religious education here enjoyed, and to make our course of instruction more thorough and extensive.

The South Carolina Professor receives a salary of only $1500, whilst all the other permanent officers have the additional income of the use of a house worth from $200 to $250. Professor Lane's ability and fidelity as a teacher, equal to that of any other officer, demands that his salary should not be less than that of his co-labourers. It is only necessary, I am sure, to remind the Caro-

lina brethren of the facts of the case to induce them to take steps to secure an increase of his salary. The whole matter of his support is in your hands, and I am informed that the income of the Professorship will now justify an increase of salary.

We have suffered for some time past from the want of a sufficient supply of boarding houses. This evil will speedily be removed, as a friend of the institution will soon have finished a new boarding house capable of entertaining more than 100 boarders.

I need hardly say that it would be cheering to the members of the Board in Georgia, could we see the faces of more of our Carolina brethren at the Annual Meetings of the Board, and the Commencement Exercises. We are aware however of the difficulties in the way of many, the same difficulties reluctantly compelling many of us to absent ourselves from the Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors of our cherished Seminary at Columbia.

May I ask of the brethren of the Carolina Synod, that they will pray often and much in their closets, and families and pulpits that the blessing of God may rest richly upon our College—well aware, that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

With fraternal respect, and affection,

SAMUEL K. TALMAGE.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY,

TO THE

SYNODS OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Board of Trustees respectfully submit to the Synods, first the Treasurer's Report, made in July last, at the close of the Collegiate year:

I. PERMANENT FUND.

1. *Georgia and Florida Professorships.*

1856.			
July 20.	By cash on hand at interest,		$3,111 52
1857.			
July 20.	By principal of notes and subscriptions,		2,436 00
"	By cash from Rev. N. A. Pratt,		10 00
			$5,547 52
To cash paid Col. N. McGehee, old debt, by order of the Board,		$ 500 00	
To 9 Savannah City Bonds, $500 each, at 90 cents, and interest,		4,155 00	
To balance in hand, awaiting investment,		892 52	
			$5,547 52

2. *Fourth Professorship.*

1857.			
July 20.	By cash received from the churches for endowment, to date,		$11,475 14
To cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Cunningham, salary, 6½ months,		$975 00	
Do. do. travelling expenses,		182 20	
To cash paid expenses of ministers to supply Mr. C.'s pulpit,		95 00	

To cash paid Dr. Talmage's expenses to Monticello,	8 00	
To cash paid premiums on checks remitted,	6 51	
To cash paid for printing and postage,	11 46	
To cash paid $5000 South Western Rail Road bonds, at par, and interest,	5,116 66	
To cash paid $5000 Savannah City bonds, at 90 cents, and interest,	4,607 50	
Balance in hand, awaiting investment,	472 87	
		$11,475 14

II. PERMANENT INVESTMENT.

Georgia and Florida Professorship.

Georgia State 6 per cent. bonds,		$2,500 00
30 shares Milledgeville and Gordon R. R. stock,	$3,000 00	
10 Savannah city bonds,	5,000 00	
1 Muscogee Rail Road bond,	500 00	
1 share Georgia Rail Road stock,	100 00	
1 Baldwin County bond, belonging to Cabine fund for education of Ministers,	500 00	
		11,600 00

Fourth Professorship.

10 Savannah city bonds,	5,000 00	
5 South-western Rail Road bonds,	5,000 00	
		10,000 00
Total investment,		$21,600 00

Since this report, the Treasurer has bought $1,000 South-western Rail Road bonds for the Georgia and Florida professorships, and $500 of same bonds for the fourth professorship.

III. CONTINGENT FUND.

Georgia and Florida Professorship.

By balance on hand at last report,	$ 10 31
By interest on bonds and dividends on stock,	638 00
By interest on $3,111 52, in hands of Treasurer from 1st July, 1856, to 1st April, 1857,	163 35
By interest on notes and subscriptions collected,	480 46
	$1,292 12

Fourth Professorship.		
By cash from churches for interest on subscriptions,	$159 75	
By coupons on Savannah city bonds,	175 00	
		334 75
Sales of Property.		
By cash for President's house, sold to Dr. Talmage by order of the Board,	$2,000	
By land sold,	1,000	
		3,000 00
Tuition, &c.		
By cash for tuition,	$1,262 00	
By cash for room rent,	735 00	
By donation from Rev. Wm. Flinn, for apparatus,	100 00	
		2,097 00
By balance due Treasurer,		68 80
		$6,792 67
Which has been disbursed as follows :		
To cash paid Dr. Talmage, in full,		$3,517 83
To cash paid Professor Woodrow, in full,		1,500 00
To cash paid Mr. Pratt, Professor *pro tem.*, balance,		30 00
To cash paid for repairs,		652 57
To cash paid for stamped envelopes,		5 70
To cash paid for advertising,		2 51
To cash paid for blank book,		75
To cash paid for freight on apparatus,		27 42
To cash paid for Professor's house, bought from Mr. Baker, in part,		1000 09
To cash in hands of Rev. C. W. Lane,		55 69
		$6,792 67

CONDITION OF THE FUNDS.

The remaining notes of the Georgia and Florida professorship will be collected with great difficulty, and we cannot hope for more than three or four thousand dollars to be realized from them. The notes are mostly written so that the principal cannot be called for so long as the interest is paid, and the same privilege is claimed by the makers of others. The payment of the

notes in and around Atlanta has been resisted, on the ground that they were given under the agreement and understanding that the College was to be removed to some place near that place. The amount annexed, belonging to this professorship, is twelve thousand six hundred dollars, and we shall be able, we hope, eventually to increase it, from collections, to about sixteen thousand dollars.

The amount of subscriptions to the Fourth Professorship, reported by Rev. W. M. Cunningham, was	$26,194
And collected by Treasurer,	11,475
Leaving a balance of	15,719

to be collected. From this we shall have to deduct the expenses of the Agent in procuring subscriptions, and the expense of collecting and investing the money, which has not yet been ascertained. There have been added a few small subscriptions since the list was handed over by Mr. Cunningham, and a few unimportant errors have been ascertained in the amounts reported to have been subscribed by the churches. These will doubtless be more than balanced by the additional subscription of eight hundred dollars by the church in Milledgeville over the amount for which that church is assessed and reported to have subscribed. The church at Greensboro' is reported to have subscribed seven hundred dollars. Their assessment was four hundred dollars ; they claim the right of appropriating the difference of three hundred dollars to the endowment of the Female College at Greensboro'. The assessments upon the churches at Athens and Columbus were twelve hundred dollars each. Three churches declined to pay the assessment, but agreed to pay, as an equivalent, one hundred dollars each annually, which is a little more than the interest on the assessment. If this interest were promptly paid, the investment would be as good as we could desire; but experience shows that we cannot hope for promptness in such cases; and it is extremely desirable for the brethren in these churches to be induced, if possible, to change the character of their subscription to one that is absolute.

Taking into consideration the change in the commercial relation of the country, the Board is advised by the Treasurer that he dares not expect to realize more than $20,000 nett from the subscriptions to this Professorship.

PROPERTY.

The Board report to the Synod that they have sold to Rev. Dr. S. K. Talmage, the President's house, which he was occupying, for the sum of two thousand dollars, upon the condition that, in case of his removal or wishing to sell, the Trustees are to have the right of purchasing the house at a reasonable price. The house needed repairing and improvements, which Dr. Talmage will now make at his own expense. The Board have also purchased the house formerly owned by Rev. J. W. Baker, which has been used as a boarding house, and is designed as a residence for Prof. Woodrow. They gave for this house three thousand dollars, one-third of which has been paid from funds arising from the sale of lands belonging to the College, and the Trustees now owe two thousand dollars balance on this purchase.

The Board further report, that they have sold two hundred and four acres of land belonging to the College, for the aggregate sum of two thousand one hundred and thirty dollars and twenty cents. One thousand dollars of this amount have been appropriated as appears above, and in the Treasurer's Report, to the payment in part of the Professor's house. The remaining one thousand one hundred and thirty dollars and twenty cents were expended by the Committee appointed for that purpose, in the repairs of the College buildings, and the fencing and the improvements of the College grounds. The Chapel is now in complete repair, and the Campus is enclosed with a substantial fence, and the appearance of the grounds generally improved.

The increasing number of students demands additional accommodation; and to meet this demand the Board have taken steps to build four new dormitories, by private subscription, which will afford accommodation for sixteen students. These dormitories are now in the course of erection, and will soon be ready for occupancy.

CLAIMS ON THE TREASURY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Balance due Treasurer,	$ 68 80
President's salary,	1,700 00
Prof. Woodrow's salary,	1,500 00
Interest on $2,000 for house,	140 00
Repairs, (supposed,)	400 00
	$3,808 80

To meet which, we shall have—

Interest on bonds and stock of Georgia and Florida Professorships, and interest on notes, .	$1,100 00
Do. do. Fourth Professorship, .	1,100 00
Tuition and room rent, ...	2,000 00
Estimated income, ...	$4,200 00

Which will leave a small amount to be applied to the reduction of the debt of two thousand dollars due for the Professor's house.

The salaries of the South Carolina and Alabama Professors are regularly paid, and the funds for that purpose are controlled by the Synods of those States.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty of the College report that the whole number of students in the College proper during the late Collegiate year was 115, and in the Preparatory School 32. Total, 147.

The late Senior Class consisted of 27 members, of whom 25 received diplomas, and 2 received certificates of creditable proficiency.

Fifteen of our late graduates expect to devote themselves, for the present, to school teaching. A number of them have the Christian ministry in view.

There has been no special revival of religion during the year, though there have been some four or five cases of hopeful conversion. A few cases of severe discipline have been necessary for the first time for several years.

The following number of the Board of Trustees go out of office, whose places for the three years must be filled :

For Georgia.

Ministers.—W. M. Cunningham, J. C. Patterson, D.D.

Laymen.—W. McKinley, W. Duncan, Hon. J. H. Lumpkin, S. B. Hunter.

For South Carolina.

Ministers.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., John Douglas, M. D. Fraser, J. F. Gibert.

Laymen.—G. W. Glen, J. W. Simpson.

For Alabama.

Ministers.—R. Nall, D.D., A. B. McCorcle, C. A. Stillman.

Laymen.—James Webb, John W. Lapily, Wm. S. Smith.

JOHN J. GRESHAM,
R. L. BRECK,
Committee of the Board.